IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Sir:

This is a request for filing a [] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 10/098,505 filed on March 18, 2002, for PROCESS FOR
THE PREPARATION OF β-KETO ALIPHATIC ACID ESTER, by the following named
inventor(s):

	(a)	Full Name	Annapurna Jetty	
	(b)	Full Name	Dattatray M. Akkewar	
	(c)	Full Name	Kondapuram Vijaya Raghavan	
[]	under 35 inventior filed in a	U.S.C. § 122 disclosed in the mother country	quests that the above-captioned application NOT BE PUBLISHED (b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the this application has not and will not be the subject of an application y, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires months after filing.	
[X]	The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.			
[]	This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to <u>delete the name(s) of the following person or persons</u> who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.			
	(a)	Full Name		
	(b)	Full Name		
	(c)	Full Name		
[]	This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.			
	(a)	Full Name	·	
	(b)	Full Name		
	(c)	Full Name		

[]		cant(s) suggests Figure for inclusion on the front page of the patent application cation and/or patent.	
[]	Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:		
1.	[X]	Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. <u>10/098,505</u> as originally filed on <u>March 18, 2002</u> , including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.	
2.	[]	Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.	
3.	[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.	
4.	[X]	The filing fee is calculated below [X] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:	

CLAIMS					
	No. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee	-				\$750.00 (1001)
Total Claims	8	MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =		× \$84.00 (1201) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$_ if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE				\$750.00	

5.	[]	This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
6.	[]	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
7.	[X]	A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
8.	[X]	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Request for Filing Continuation/Divisional Application of Application No. <u>TBA (DIV of 10/098,505)</u> Attorney's Docket No. <u>033432-024</u> Page 3

ıg	13807 U.S. PTO 10/625519	07/24/03
	03	

			Ç		
9.	[]	Cancel in this application original claims _ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.			
10.	[]	New drawings are enclosed.			
11.	[]	Priority of Application No filed on _ in _ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.	03807		
		[] The certified copy of the priority application			
		[] is enclosed.			
		[] was filed on _ in prior Application No, filed on _, and acknowledged by the Examiner on _ in Paper No	,		
		[] has not yet been filed.			
12.	[X]	Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:			
		[X]This application is a [] continuation [X] divisional of Application No. 10/098,505, filed on March 18, 2003			
		[]This application is a [] continuation [] divisional of U.S. Application No, filed on _, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No filed on			
		[]This application is a [] continuation [] divisional of U.S. Application No, filed on _, which was a continuation of International Application No, filed on			
13.	[X]	A preliminary amendment is enclosed.			
14.	IX1	An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.			
15.	[X]	A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.			
16.	[]	Also enclosed			
17.	[X]	 The power of attorney in the prior application is to Norman H. Stepno. a. [] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application. b. [X] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed. 			
		c. [X] Recognize as Associate Attorney Martin A. Bruehs.			

Request for Filing Continuation/Divisional Application of Application No. <u>TBA (DIV of 10/098,505)</u> Attorney's Docket No. <u>033432-024</u> Page 4

d. [X] Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

Burns, Doane, Swecker P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313 Date: July 24, 2003 By:	Martin a. Burels
	Martin A. Bruehs Registration No. 45,635
	Registration 140. 45,055
ADDRESS OF SIGNATOR:	
Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P. P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620	 [] inventor(s) [] assignee of complete interest [] attorney or agent of record [X] filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re P	atent Application of)	
Annapurna JETTY et al.			Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Applic	ation No.: TBA (Div of 10/098,505))	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed:	Even date herewith)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
For:	PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF β -KETO ALIPHATIC ACID ESTER)	·

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND PAYMENT OF FEES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby provided with a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as containing a request therefor for the appropriate length of time.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Date: <u>July 24, 2003</u>

Martin A. Bruehs Registration No. 45,635

P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620